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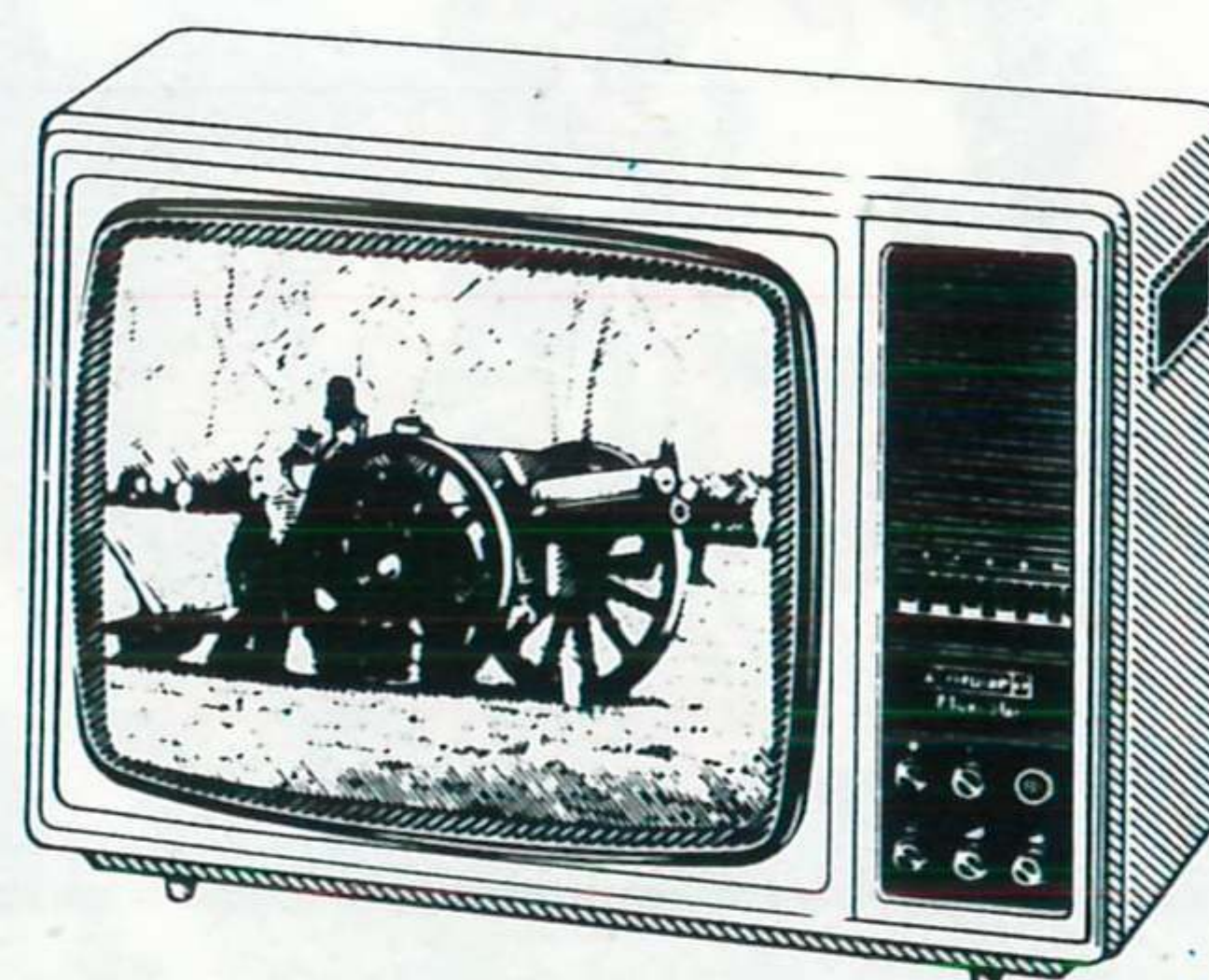
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Stan Anderson writes

On behalf of everyone here at Bolton Wanderers I would like to extend a warm welcome to Wrexham, our friends from North Wales and to wish all of you, home and visiting fans a happy Easter.

Wrexham, like ourselves, are in the bottom half of the division and their form just about sums up what a topsy-turvy season this has been in Division Two.

They have shown promotion form away from home and relegation form on their home ground.

Just look at the statistics of Wrexham's season. They have won more games away from home than any other team — seven in all — while at home they've only managed three victories.

A glance at the table shows you that the third promotion place could go to a team with a maximum 50 or 51 points — well below the usual 56 points needed to ensure promotion.

That's another indication of how close the teams have been and makes our own position even more frustrating because with an injury-free season, we might well have been up there competing in the promotion race.

Apart from West Ham, no team has stamped its authority on the Division.

Take Notts County, who look like taking second place. They had an unbelievable run earlier in the season when they went some 13 games without a win — yet never slipped down the table.

In any other season that would be relegation form. You'd be worried to death with a run like that. But Notts County look like going up despite it.

However the race is such a close one that the issues could be in doubt right up to the last kick of the season with Swansea, Blackburn and Sheffield Wednesday all in with a shout.

All things being considered, it's been an interesting Second Division season and that's for sure.

Our Visito



Back Row — Frank Jones, Steve Fox, Alan Hill, Steve Dowman, Joey Jones, Alan Dwyer.
Middle Row — Norman Wilson (General Secretary), Mick Vinter, Frank Carrodus, Ian Edwards (now Hull City), Steve Kenworthy, Dai Davies, Eddie Niedzwiecki, Wayne Cegielski, Terry Darracott, Dixie McNeil, Les Cartwright.
Front Row — Gareth Davis (Captain), Ian Arkwright, Mickey Evans (Youth Coach), Ken Roberts (Youth Dev. Officer/Chief Scout), Mr. Arfon Griffiths (Manager), Mel Sutton (Assistant Manager), George Showell (Physio), Graham Whittle, Steve Buxton.

WREXHAM HOPE TO PULL CLEAR

By Tony Pullein

Wrexham manager Arfon Griffiths hopes that, by the end of the Easter programme, his club will be free of the relegation danger that has been threatening them throughout the season. A succession of drawn games in March and April opened up a small gap between them and the troubled clubs but there was still that nagging thought that a sudden losing run could plunge them into disaster.

It looks as if the Welsh club will finish up in what is, for them, becoming a familiar position. Since gaining promotion from the Third Division in 1978, they have finished 15th and 16th and they looked like ending up in a similar place this term.

After languishing for so many years in the Third and Fourth Divisions, Wrexham have been happy enough to spend the past three years establishing themselves as a viable Second

Division club. The next step now must be to try and take another surge forward over the next couple of years.

The manner of their promotion in 1978 suggested that Wrexham might be about to make a quick rise into the First Division. Their team looked good enough but, of course, there are other considerations when a club rises rapidly up the soccer social scale.

Since their promotion, Wrexham have undertaken impressive ground improvements and they have also been building the club's administrative framework. Had they risen too quickly into the First Division, the danger was that they could have been overwhelmed and followed others, who had trod a similar path, into quick oblivion.

Now, if Wrexham can build for a future in the First Division, the club will be quite capable of handling the situation.

The Robins

Until recently Mr Griffiths had been free of serious injuries and had been able to field a settled side but now key midfielder man Mel Sutton has been ruled out for the remainder of the season and this has brought about a re-arrangement in the middle of the field.

The midfield has been re-shaped and we are likely to see Steve Fox, Les Cartwright, Frank Carrodus and Ian Arkwright as the middle line in a 4-4-2 formation.

Top-scorer Dixie McNeil has also been absent in recent matches and he was replaced by Steve Buxton who came in as partner to Mick Vinter, Ian Edwards having dropped out of the side a couple of months ago.

The back four will probably comprise of Alan Hill, Joey Jones, Wayne Cegielski and Alan Dwyer though centre-back Gareth Davis and left-back Steve Kenworthy are both pressing for a place.

Dai Davies continues in goal.

Wrexham have an outstanding away record and it's rather strange to find that it has been their inability to win their home games that has placed them in their present predicament.

With seven away League wins to their credit as they went into the holiday games, Wrexham had won more away games than any other Second Division club!

They have won at Derby (1-0), Q.P.R. (1-0), Newcastle (1-0), Bristol Rovers (1-0), Shrewsbury (2-1), Oldham (3-1) and Bristol City (2-0). They drew at Chelsea (2-2), Luton (1-1), Preston (1-1), Blackburn (1-1) and Notts County (1-1).

Wrexham have been beaten at Grimsby (0-1), Cambridge (0-1), Watford (0-1), Sheffield Wednesday (1-2), Cardiff (0-1), Orient (1-2) and Swansea (1-3).

Wrexham enjoyed another good run in the F.A. Cup, eliminating the holders West Ham United in round three. It took them three games to do it but, after drawing 1-1 at Upton Park and 0-0 at home, they won the toss to stage their third match at The Racecourse and finally won 1-0 in extra-time.

Wimbledon were beaten 2-1 at The Racecourse in the fourth round but Wrexham's interest ended at the next stage when they lost 1-3 at Wolves.

Their League Cup effort was a complete disaster. They lost both legs to Burnley to go out in the first round by 2-5 on aggregate.

Wrexham have been building a reputation as famous Cup fighters in recent years. In 1978 they equalled club records by reaching the sixth round of the F.A. Cup and the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

They have won the Welsh Cup on 21 occasions but their hopes of adding to that tally this season took a jolt when they were held at home to 2-2 by Swansea in the first-leg of the semi-final. That gave them a tremendous task in the second-leg but the prize for the winner was a certain place in next season's European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Hereford United, the other finalists, cannot qualify for Europe through the Welsh Cup under UEFA rules because they are an English club so the other finalists qualify — win or lose in the final.

Wrexham F.C., founded in 1873, is the oldest club in Wales but it wasn't until 1921 that they were admitted to the Football League as one of the founder members of the Third Division (North). When the lower divisions were re-organised in 1958 Wrexham became part of the new national Third Division.

Relegation to Division Four followed in 1960 and they spent two seasons in the lower section. They dropped down

again in 1964 and it took them until 1970 to climb back into the Third Division.

In 1978 they gained promotion to the Second Division for the first time.

DAI DAVIES (Goalkeeper). Dai won his 41st Welsh Cap against Turkey in the World Cup in March. Once with Swansea, he joined Everton for £15,000 in 1972. Wrexham signed him in 1977.

ALAN HILL (Defender). Alan developed in the club's junior teams and came through for his League debut in 1974/75. He completed 100 League appearances for the club last season.

GARETH DAVIS (Defender). Gareth, who made his 450th League appearance for Wrexham earlier this season, is a former Welsh under-23 international who won three full caps during the 1978 British Championship series.

WAYNE CEGIELSKI (Defender). Wayne served his apprenticeship at Tottenham and was loaned out to Northampton for a while. He was transferred to Augsburg, the West German club, in 1975 but signed for Wrexham a year later. He is a Welsh under-21 international.

JOEY JONES (Defender). Joey won his 35th Welsh cap against Turkey this season. He began his career with Wrexham and was transferred to Liverpool for £110,000 in 1974. He made 72 First Division appearances for the Reds and then re-joined Wrexham for £220,000 in 1978.

STEVE KENWORTHY (Defender). Steve developed in Wrexham's junior teams and made his League debut on the final day of season 1977/78. He has since been adding slowly to his experience and he was recently recalled at left-back.

ALAN DWYER (Defender). Alan developed in the junior teams at the Racecourse, turning professional in 1973. He has now made well over 150 League appearances.

STEVE FOX (Midfield). Steve grew up with Birmingham and made 29 League appearances for the Blues. Wrexham invested £90,000 in his transfer two seasons ago.

LES CARTWRIGHT (Midfield). Les played his early football for Coventry City and, when he joined Wrexham in 1977, the £30,000 fee was then a club record. Les has been capped by Wales on seven occasions.

FRANK CARRODUS (Midfield). Frank played his first League football for Manchester City in 1970 and was transferred to Aston Villa for £100,000 four years later. Wrexham signed him for £60,000 last season.

IAN ARKWRIGHT (Midfield). Ian made 14 League appearances for Wolves following his debut in 1979 and he was transferred to Wrexham for £80,000 last summer.

STEVE BUXTON (Midfield). Steve is another product of the club's nursery scheme. He came through for his League baptism three seasons ago.

IAN EDWARDS (Forward). Ian began his career with W.B.A. and moved on to Chester for £20,000 in 1977. In 1978/79 he was their top scorer with 23 goals and, on his first full appearance for Wales, he scored four goals against Malta. Ian now has 4 caps and he joined Wrexham for £125,000 last season.

MICK VINTER (Forward). Mick joined Notts. County from Boston United and in 1977/78 he was the top scorer for the Meadow Lane club with 22 goals. Wrexham paid £150,000 for him in 1979 and he hit 17 for them last term.

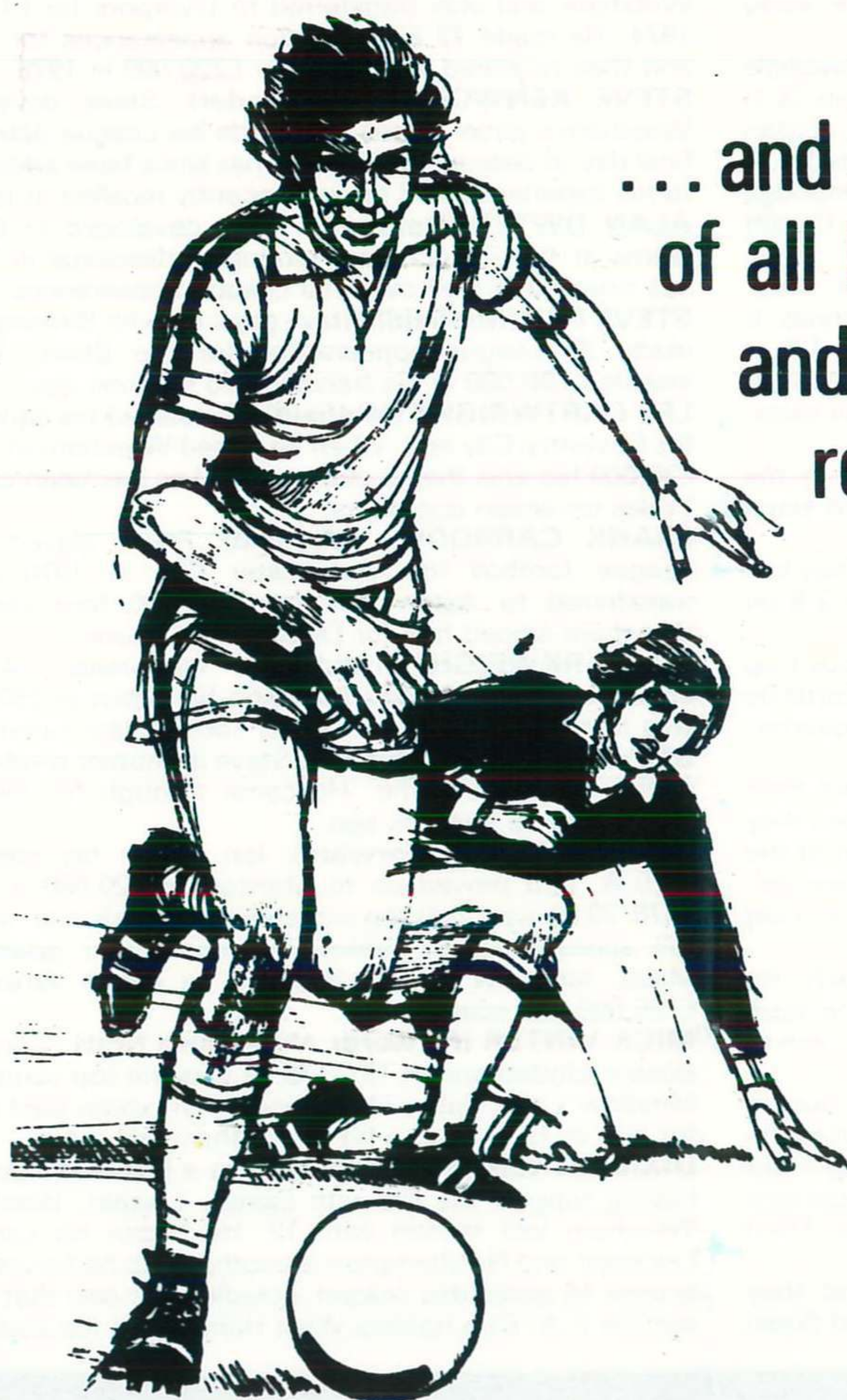
DIXIE MCNEIL (Forward). Dixie is a legendary goalscorer, having topped the list with Exeter, Lincoln, Hereford and Wrexham last season with 19. He began his career with Leicester and Northampton is another club he served. He has scored 14 goals this season including the one that knocked out the F.A. Cup holders West Ham out of the competition.

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For 10 years old Michael Christopher of Needingworth Nr Cambridge, our recent

visit to Cambridge United turned into a dream come true.

Michael is a fanatical Wanderers supporter, but living so far away, rarely gets a chance to see his heroes in action. So imagine his surprise when he was told he could be mascot for the day, meeting the players and leading the team out onto the field.

The arrangements were made by Michael's uncle who is from Bolton and he succeeded where "Jim'll Fix It" failed. Michael's letter to the BBC TV "Fix It" programme didn't get him anywhere.

Now he has a great day to look back on — and he certainly managed to bring the Wanderers a touch of luck as they won 3-2.



"JUNIOR WHITES" NEWS

A big holiday welcome to all our members, and to any Wrexham "Junior Reds" who have come over to Burnden Park, with special good wishes to their Organiser, Mr. Davies, who I had the pleasure of meeting the other week.

Although our meetings for this season have now finished, the success of the "Junior Whites" has been so tremendous, that we hope to arrange a couple of extra items, including a "Family Day" in August, before our next evening on Monday 7 September, when we start up another action packed list of events for the "Junior Whites", so if you are not yet a member, why not join us? Membership details from "Junior Whites", Burnden Park, Bolton.

Today's mascot is Wayne Entwistle who comes from Bolton. At the next home game we shall be presenting the "Junior Whites" / Cambrian Player of the Year trophy to David Hoggan who was a very popular choice of the young fans.

Enjoy your football.

Roy Cavanagh

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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS

Football is its own worst enemy. Who says so? None other than Alan Gowling the Chairman of the PFA, who explains:

"I think football has done a lot in recent years and is beginning to do a lot more, spending money improving facilities and so forth. Maybe they haven't done enough and possibly they left it a little late, but at least clubs now seem to have realised that their spectators are entitled to comfort and although the start has been late it is still a move in the right direction.

"Mind you football has itself to blame for much of the adverse criticism it receives. We have spent a lot of time in the past six years or so publicising the worst marketing job anybody could ever do.

"It must go down as the worst sell ever. We have talked about declining attendances and then proceeded to embark on literally suicidal issues. We have continually highlighted all the bad things in our business. Hooliganism, defensive football and so on.

"We have had players publicly criticised by directors and managers, managers knocking managers, directors slating managers, players beefing about this and that. The sport is so fractured everything becomes critical, and it is only natural that the media should feed off that sort of publicity.

SELL THE GAME

"So are people going to flock through the turnstiles? Like hell they are. I mean you do not get Heinz going out to their public telling them that this is the worst soup they have ever produced but that we should still buy it. It is a ludicrous suggestion isn't it, but that is the situation football has created.

"The one thing I would like to see happen in 1981 is that people within the game show a bit more sanity. Talk about the good things in the game not the bad. We must emphasise that football is a spectacle, it is something people should come and watch and enjoy. All our old traditions are still here so let's build upon them. Let us sell the game.

"And on the playing side if we want to encourage more open play, then let's try giving points for goals. I can't see the new suggestion of three points for a win accomplishing much. Clubs will still be pleased with a point away from home. Wouldn't it be nice though if we rewarded teams for scoring goals away from home. If you lose 3-2 away from home then you have contributed significantly to the entertainment and should therefore receive some recognition. Maybe a point for scoring two goals away. Certainly to come away with nothing after trying to attack would only be defeating the purpose of the scheme which is to try and influence teams to entertain.

REWARDS

"I am all for looking at a system where we do have points for goals, after a certain number of course.

"It is not wrong to say that the game at the moment is based on the fact that if we don't score we don't lose. That has been the ideology ever since I can remember and in some respects goes back to the 1930s. Of course if you are a professional then you don't want to lose, but you have to accept defeat when it comes because that is all part and parcel of your profession anyway. But if you are professional then you play to win, that is obvious.

"Winners obviously get rewarded, now if on top of that we can also reward sides for providing entertaining open football then that is surely fair enough. I would certainly much prefer a points system which gives credit for goals scored than the suggested change to three points for a win."





'Wingers might be a dying breed but there will always be the odd individual around'

STEVE COPPELL, Manchester United and England's diminutive little winger is probably the last of a breed of direct wing forwards . . . a link with the past when wingers were the glamour boys, the artists and architects of attacking play. But why has this noble art slowly disappeared from our game?

"Basically I think that old fashioned style wingers are easy to mark out of the game," answers Coppel. "If you can cut off his source of supply, then as a direct threat he becomes non-existent."

"So if a defender stands on a winger or stops the ball getting to him, then he is completely out of the game. But then again, on the odd occasions when an orthodox winger does get the right to play and is on song, he is probably one of the finest sights in football. Going past people, crossing the ball to the near post or far post for the big centreforward."

"I started off at United as a winger hugging the line but since then I have had to develop my role a little bit. I always like to think of myself as a thermometer of the team's performance. When we are playing well and are on top I can attack as much as possible and yet by the same token when we are under pressure I just tuck in."

IDEALISTS

"I am consistently being accused by the media of tucking in too much. There are a lot of idealists in the press and on the terraces as well for that matter, who like to see wingers stay out wide on the wing, get the ball and then take players on and beat them. In an ideal world that would be fabulous, but in reality teams who play United see that there is a winger and accordingly stop him from playing. That cuts down our options."

"If a side hasn't got the outlet of a winger then more often than not they have to direct their attacks in other ways and these are usually not so threatening . . . So as I say I have developed my play because it is too easy to find yourself cut out of the game completely if you stick to the orthodox style."

"I drop back to midfield to vary it and this also gets me involved more in the game. Even if the ball is out on the left wing, if I have tucked in then I am still directly involved in the action as I am that much closer than I would be out wide. And there again if I do get a break then I can go wide and use the space."

It seems that defensive play has become so efficient now that it is difficult for attacking players to

demonstrate their ability and this could be the reason why there are no super-star celebrities of the Bobby Charlton, George Best class around any more.

CHARISMA

"Yes I think the systems are to blame," says Steve. "The kids these days don't seem to want to be wingers, they all want to play in midfield or as a central attacker. Wingers just don't have the charisma they held in years gone by. The memory of Mathews and Finney is long gone. When I was brought up everyone was talking about Finney, although I never saw him play myself, I heard a lot about him."

"It is very difficult for youngsters to try and set their stall out and say I want to be a winger, because there are not many modern day heroes in that position and therefore obviously the system is to blame for that."

"But I read an article by Sir Stanley Mathews in which he said that to suggest that wingers would be the answer to today's problems of how to get behind defences is stupid. He said that was an antiquated idea and that wingers even in his day were so easily stopped that they can not be the answer over 42 games. They might be for five or six games and even ten matches a season but they can not produce consistently high performances over a whole season's games, because they will be shut out of the play more than they will be in it . . . So I can't see the future becoming much brighter for wingers . . . but you never know."

"The game of football is continually developing and I think you will find that the most efficient systems — the best systems for winning — always rise to the surface when it comes to how we play."

"It just seems that at the moment all the best sides and by that I mean the most successful teams, do not have permanent wingers. I am a big fan of John Robertson because as a winger he has done wonders for Nottingham Forest, but he is the exception rather than the rule. Look at all the best sides in recent years like the most successful of them all Liverpool. They have not played with wingers since Peter Thompson and yet their pattern of play has proved itself in the trophies they have won and of course it follows that other sides will try and copy their style."

"Wingers might well be a dying breed but there will always be the odd individual around. If you are good enough — like John Robertson — then there will always be a place for you."

STEVE COPPELL

FOOTBALL IS MOVING II



Graham Kelly the League's Top Administrator

This has been a season of falling gates and rising overheads, a season when even the mighty such as Liverpool and Manchester United, have felt the cold draught of recession. It was also a time when at last it seemed that all 92 clubs were going to unite in the common cause, when the League club chairmen met to discuss and bring in sweeping changes to legislation, for the good of the game. But when it came to the crunch at the Extraordinary General Meeting in Birmingham, much of the expected referendum evaporated into the cigar smoke filled room. In short the administrators did not seem to come up with the promised goodies.

I went to the League's headquarters at Lytham St. Annes to pose this observation to the Secretary Graham Kelly. The League's chief administrator did not agree:

"I think as much as could be expected came out of it," he said thoughtfully. "I do not think anybody expected that every recommendation from the seminar would be ratified at the EGM. I would say that a fair proportion went through and this showed that we are moving in the right direction. Three points for a win was the main item obviously . . . the heralding in of Sunday football albeit very gradually was another step. We are dipping our toes in the water very carefully."

Yes very carefully for many people do not realise that it has not actually been agreed to introduce three points for a win next season. While the club

chairmen voted in principle for this innovation, it was on the understanding that certain anomalies are first cleared by the management committee and these concern the wording of players contracts.

FAILURE?

Perhaps one of the most significant omissions from this historical meeting however was the failure of clubs to agree to do something positive about the escalating transfer system and I suggested to Mr. Kelly that many people expected to see the clubs taking action in this direction.

"Well the clubs were fairly split on the subject of transfer fees," reported the League Secretary who continued: "The proposal was to restrict transfer fees by making at least fifty-per-cent of the fee to be paid, a down payment, with the balance to be completed within twelve months of the agreement.

"That was the proposal that came out of the first seminar, when clubs felt that they ought to be doing something with the transfer system which was escalating so wildly and causing many difficulties, not least with our public image.

"The feeling was that the big transfer fees had created a mood of disenchantment amongst the traditional following of football. That there was a significant proportion of supporters who viewed footballers as over valued and over paid and that the recent escalation in transfer fees had contributed a major part to that disenchantment.

"On the other hand, by the time the EGM came around, there were a number of clubs who felt it would be suicidal to further depress the transfer market during the present economic recession. They felt that the bottom would fall out of the transfer market in any case and that to hamper themselves by imposing artificial restrictions would not be in the best interests of the clubs entering the market, either as buyers or sellers. They took the view that the artificial constraints imposed by such a proposal would hamstring them to a rather greater degree than they felt necessary."

NO ABUSE

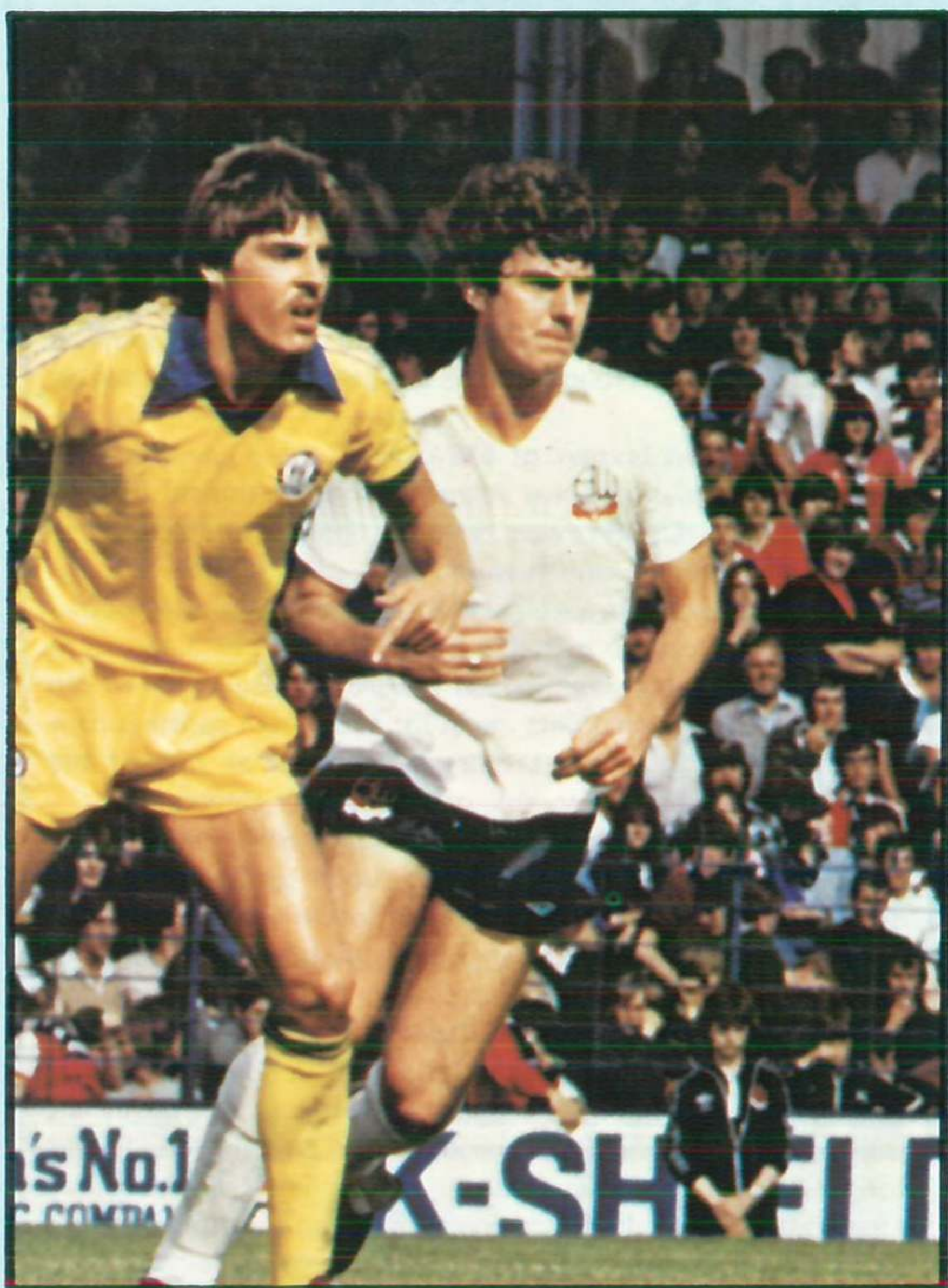
Some of course would argue that a restriction demanding half the agreed fee be paid immediately the bargain is struck, would force clubs to become more responsible for their business dealings. They would be stopped from spending money they haven't got?

"Well obviously there are different views. On the higher-purchase system of transfer. But I don't think that the instalment system has necessarily led to any great abuse. Obviously very few clubs are in a position to put a million down on the nail, but even so I don't think that clubs have abused their freedom to pay by instalments.

N THE RIGHT DIRECTION

"Certainly the terms of most agreements have not been unduly prolonged. The vast majority of transfers are completed within twelve months anyway, or eighteen months at the outside. And this system allows clubs the chance to plan their finances over the next twelve month period. Hopefully they will not be relegated and hopefully they can produce a reasonable budget forecast to show whether they can afford a player or not.

"All I can tell you is that there was not a sufficient number of clubs who felt that the transfer market had been the sole cause of the economic problems the clubs are now facing.



"Our problems today have been caused by an accumulation of circumstances. The current economic recession has hit football the same as it has everybody else. I am sure that this has been the major contributing factor towards the fall in attendances this season. People are out of work and so they simply can not afford to come to football."

WAGES

On the financial side of the game it is purely a case of balancing the books. So many clubs are finding this difficult and whether they like it or not, the biggest single item of expenditure is the players remuneration. This is a fact of life. Whether it means cutting down on the number of players

employed, or reducing the remuneration levels accordingly I do not know. That is for the individual clubs to decide.

Of course one of the biggest problems facing the game today is its poor public image. For years now the fans have read about the financial plight of their national sport, yet the clubs still continue to operate and splash out enormous fees for players while pleading poverty. It is a situation that Graham Kelly is very aware of and anxious to improve.

He explains: "It is very difficult to get it across to the public that the money spent on transfers, by and large, stays in the game. But you can repeat this until you are blue in the face and still not get it across. The general feeling is that if a £1 million transfer is announced then the club is forking that money out instead of spending it on providing better facilities.

"As I say we can only repeat the message and say that if a club is signing a £1 million player for example, it has probably sold players to that value in order to finance the operation. In the vast majority of cases it is a case of one in, one out."

THE IMAGE

"We are working like mad to try and create a more favourable public image. The game has been damaged so much by adverse elements such as hooliganism and so on, things which we can only go part of the way to solving.

"Here again we do a lot to harm our own image by irresponsible comment from people within the game. I think that all the people within the game, directors, officials, players, everybody, should become more closely involved and take account of the damage irresponsible remarks can do to people who earn their living from the sport.

"Freedom of speech is alright, but when it becomes unacceptable and is damaging the games image we should take steps to curb it. If we don't then we are simply turning people away. It is a matter of education within the game."

So what of the future. Where does Graham Kelly see the game progressing?

"The immediate future is all tied up by the pressures of finance at the present time, and the financial burdens for a great number of clubs are very very pressing. There will be a lot of re-appraisal in the next few months particularly during the close-season. Thereafter I'm looking forward to next season with three points for a win, because that is bound to create some interest and have an impact. Beyond that I just don't know.

"These next few years are going to be a time of change. If we do well in the World Cup then it will give us all a fillip. But who can foretell exactly what form the changes will take."

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Only Hollywood could contrive to gather together screen stars Michael Caine and Sylvester Stallone and international footballers both past and present — Pele, Bobby Moore and Osvaldo Ardiles amongst others — and match them in a full scale soccer game in the MTK Stadium, Budapest. And indeed, Hollywood has done just that for the movie capital's first big film about football — ESCAPE TO VICTORY.

The film is set in 1943. A bunch of Allied prisoners led by Michael Caine, who plays John Colby, a former West Ham and England international, are manipulated into playing the German National Team in Paris' Colombes Stadium and participating, as a result, in a grand Nazi propaganda stunt.

Contending with a biased referee as well as a fitter and better prepared team, the Allied side find themselves trailing badly at half time. But although the French resistance are on hand to offer the chance of escape during the break, Caine's lads decide to return and finish the match... Thus with actors required to don football boots — star Sylvester Stallone, the Allies' goal-keeper, had never played the game before — and footballers to act — Bobby Moore, Pele, Mike Summerbee and Ipswich's John Wark all have speaking parts — one of the great conflicts of World War Two is fought out on a soccer pitch rather than on the battlefield.

With a modest budget of \$15 million, the equivalent of a dozen Andy Grays or Clive Allens at today's transfer prices, ESCAPE TO VICTORY was directed entirely on location in Hungary by veteran John Huston.

The footballers were assembled by consultant Peter Mason, a close friend of Ipswich manager Bobby Robson, who agreed to almost his entire first team squad travelling to Budapest to join the filming. So Ipswich fans are in for a real treat spotting their favourites playing in what must surely rank as one of the strangest and most memorable games of their careers.

Laurie Sivell kept goal for the German side while Paul Cooper, complete with face mask, stood by to double for Stallone; Kevin Beattie, who went into a clinic for his fourth operation on that troublesome right knee after shooting, can be seen in long shot for Michael Caine; Russell Osman, Kevin O'Callaghan and John Wark played for the Allies and Robin Turner for the Germans.

But the Second War was a world conflict. So a number of foreign soccer stars were brought to Hungary to convey the truly cosmopolitan nature of the average POW camp and to take their places in the Allies' team — Co-Prins (Holland), Soren Linsted (Denmark), Paul Van Himst (Belgium), Kazimierz Deyna (Poland) and, of course, Pele and Tottenham's Osvaldo Ardiles.



So there it is, a veritable who's who of soccer greats playing the deadliest game of their lives against the background of war-torn Europe. Can Sylvester Stallone save Werner Roth's penalty? Would Bobby Moore rather win away than escape the Nazis?

A Threat to Our Heritage

By John Nolan

Saturday May 23rd is a crucial day for the future of our national sport. It is the day that England meet Scotland at Wembley in the climax to the 86th British International Tournament . . . Unfortunately what happens off the field will be of far more significance than what happens on the field.

The Tartan hordes who have terrorised London in recent years, once more overstepped the mark on their last visit, two years ago, and amidst an outcry from residents and fans alike drastic action has had to be taken.

The FA banned the sale of tickets north of the border, but it seems that such action, while obviously limiting their availability to the Scots, is by no means foolproof as one travel agency so openly flaunted by selling tickets in its Glasgow office.

Sadly if the FA are unable to prevent the by-annual Celtic invasion it could sound the death knell of the oldest international fixture in the calendar, for if there is any repetition of the distasteful and frightening scenes witnessed in previous years, the games ruling bodies will withdraw this fixture from the schedule.

For many moons now some of my English colleagues have muttered about the irrelevancy of a Home International Tournament that compels England to face second class opposition in the guise of Wales and Northern Ireland. But didn't Ireland win it last year! Their first British Championship title since 1914, and wasn't that good for British football!

HERITAGE

I know England manager Ron Greenwood would not miss the annual confrontation with the Scots, as this fixture is hardly the ideal preparation for an important fixture such as England's World Cup clash with Switzerland seven days later, but then there is something extra to the meeting of the giants, it is an important event in the folklore of international football.

Historically international competition owes its origins to this game and in particular to a bunch of amateurs who craved for a little more spice to their football. On the 19th November 1870 the first unofficial international football match was staged at the Kennington Oval, when England faced Scotland, or to be more precise, Anglosised Scots.

Two years later the first official full international was promoted at the West of Scotland Cricket Club, Hamilton Crescent. A crowd of 2,000 saw England line up with eight forwards in a 1-1-8 formation against a

more reserved Scottish team that opted for more cover at the back in a 2-2-6 formation. Yet despite the niceties of the positions all tended to follow the ball in much the same way small children do now and the game finished in a stalemate 0-0.

England adopted the 2-2-6 pattern for the return game at the Kennington Oval the following March and secured the first victory of the series with a 4-2 scoreline. And so the international football game was born and the England Scotland games have remained an important fixture, broken only by the war years.

Within six years of that historic first game the Scots had begun to widen their horizons and added Wales to their annual fixture list. England took up the challenge three years later and by 1882 all four home countries were competing with each other. It was only logical that they should eventually play for a trophy and the first International Championship was played in the season of 1883-84.

ALL POWERFUL

Scotland won the first two Championships outright and shared the title with England in the third season. There was little argument that in those early pioneering days Scotland were by far the stronger side, but then the formation of the Football League in 1888 had a great influence on the English game. Our standards improved appreciably and in the next tournament England swept to the title with three incisive victories.

By then the team formations had progressed. Two fullbacks were used with three halfbacks and only five forwards. It was the era of the Corinthian style and with the influence of the professional game also making its mark English football suddenly found itself all powerful.

And as if to rub in our superiority England took on both Ireland and Wales on the same afternoon in the Championship of 1892, winning 2-0 in Belfast and by the same score in Wrexham.

Over the years the British Championship has provided many great footballing spectacles, although the daddy of them all will always remain the England Scotland games. Victory in this war of nations can wipe out the disappointments of a whole years results. England won 2-0 at Hampden Park last year to stretch their return to three consecutive wins. After 98 games we stand all square with 38 victories each to England and Scotland and 22 draws. It would be a great pity if this important footballing occasion was now to fall victim of the drunken hooligans who claim to be football supporters.



England's Terry McDermott penetrates the Scottish defence during England's 2-0 win at Hampden Park last May.

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Colin Benson's world of soccer

With barely six games to go and with his team hanging on doggedly to a promotion chance, Grimsby Town manager George Kerr still insisted that they would not go up. His players disagreed, they strongly fancied their chances but as the canny boss pointed out, "I think you will find that football people on the managerial side are a little more realistic. The players can always afford to dream a little bit."

Well whether those dreams come true this spring or are shelved for a future season one thing is for sure and that is that Grimsby Town have experienced a remarkable season with a team that has literally whisked them all the way from the Fourth Division.

"You are always looking for good players, but this club will be run as a business," reaffirms Kerr in that soothing but authoritative voice of his. "If Grimsby Town spend £80,000 on one player (Trevor Whymark) then that is probably as much as we can afford to spend, therefore it has got to be right."

"If we get to the First Division there will be money to spend on players. People will say that we will struggle in the First Division, but you know that is a stupid argument. Because we know that Manchester United have struggled in the First Division and in fact did not manage to stay there. They were relegated after spending something like £2 million on players."

"Money is not the answer you see . . . A good team is the answer. A good team will bridge the gap and we know at Grimsby that we have a good team that has been capable of bridging two gaps already and I see no reason why they can't bridge the third. Don't forget these players were Fourth Division players and if they get the chance to play in the top division then they will play out of their skins to stay there."

"I think we can maintain our present standard because they are young players and in the past two years they have played against some of the leading sides in the country and given good account of themselves, against Everton and Wolves. I know those were one off jobs in the cup and that it is far more difficult over 42 games. But this season they have proved that they can last the pace."

"This side will get results as long as they remember what they are. Basically they are a bunch of good lads who do the right things at the right time and work hard for each other. And that is a very difficult thing to defeat."

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

Test your knowledge on this season

1. Who knocked Man Utd out of the F.A. Cup this season?
2. Which was the first club to win promotion?
3. Who did Ipswich meet in the semi-final of the UEFA Cup?
4. Who did Liverpool meet in the semi-final of the European Cup?
5. Name the semi-finalists in the F.L. Cup?
6. Who won the League Cup?
7. Name the semi-finalists in the F.A. Cup?
8. Which was the first club to be relegated?
9. England v Spain what was the result?
10. Scotland v N. Ireland World Cup — What was the result?

FUN SPOT

● Name this club? When they won the F.A. Cup in 1894, they became the first winners from the 2nd Division. An original member of the F.L. they have won the 2nd Div. Championship on three occasions. Formed in 1862 they are the oldest club in the League and now play at Meadow Lane. Colours are black & white stripes and they are known as the 'Magpies'.

ANSWERS 1. Nottingham Forest, 2. Southampton United, 3. Cologne, 4. Bayern Munich, 5. Liverpool, 6. Coventry City, 7. Spurs, Wolves, 8. Crystal Palace, 9. England 1 Spain 2, 10. A draw 1-1. FUN SPOT — Notts County.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division Two	Home	Away
Blackpool	1-2	1-1
Bradford Pa	0-1	4-1
Bradford City	3-0	1-5
Brentford	3-2	1-3
Burnley	4-1	3-1
Bury	2-0	1-1
Fulham	3-1	2-0
Grimsby	0-4	3-2
Hull	3-3	0-1
Lincoln	1-2	2-2
Manchester Utd	3-1	5-1
Millwall	5-0	1-2
Nottingham Forest	1-1	2-2
Notts. County	1-0	2-1
Oldham	1-0	3-1
Plymouth	2-0	0-3
Port Vale	3-0	0-0
Preston	0-2	1-1
Southampton	2-0	0-1
Swansea	2-1	0-0
West Ham	5-1	2-4

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3—	Halifax (h)	3-1
Rd. 4—	Brighton (a)	1-1
	(h)	6-1
Rd. 5—	Liverpool (a)	3-0
Rd. 6—	Portsmouth (h)	0-3

League goalscorers

Milsom	23	Westwood	21
Taylor, G.T.	8	Eastham	5
Rimmer	5	McKay	4
Cook	3	Hughes	3
Cameron	2	Goslin	2
Atkinson	1	Finney	1
Jones, E.	1		

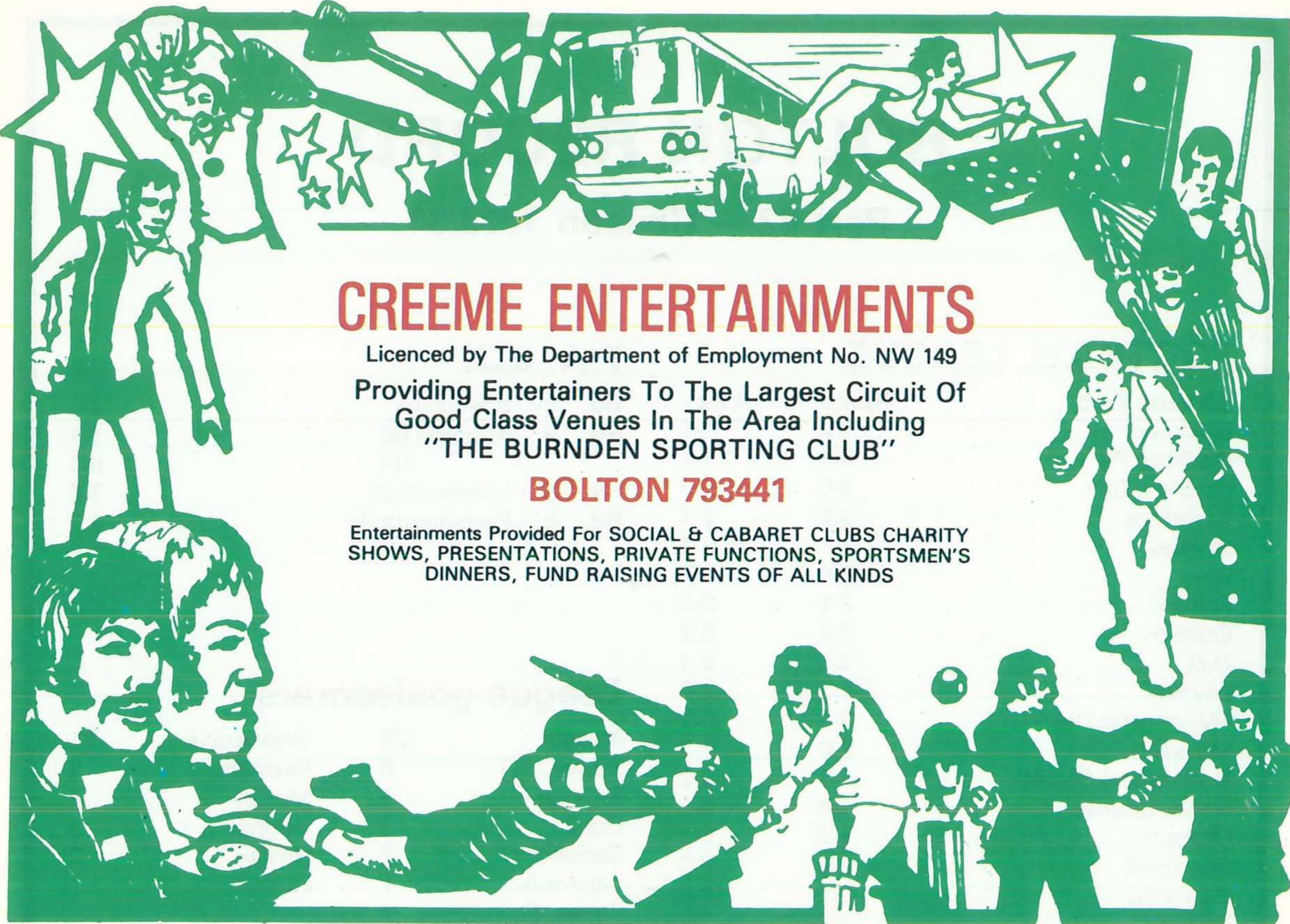
DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby Town	42	27	5	10	103	59	59
Preston N.E.	42	23	6	13	71	52	52
Bolton Wanderers	42	21	9	12	79	55	51
Brentford	42	22	7	13	85	60	51
Bradford	42	23	3	16	86	67	49
Bradford City	42	20	6	16	73	67	46
West Ham United	42	17	11	14	78	70	45
Port Vale	42	19	7	16	60	55	45
Oldham Athletic	42	17	10	15	72	60	44
Plymouth Argyle	42	15	13	14	69	70	43
Blackpool	42	15	13	14	62	64	43
Bury	42	17	9	16	70	73	43
Burnley	42	18	6	18	60	72	42
Southampton	42	15	8	19	54	58	38
Hull City	42	13	12	17	52	68	38
Fulham	42	15	7	20	48	67	37
Nott'ham Forest	42	13	9	20	73	74	35
Notts County	42	12	11	19	53	62	35
Swansea Town	42	10	15	17	51	60	35
Manchester U.	42	14	6	22	59	85	34
Millwall	42	11	11	20	39	68	33
Lincoln City	42	9	8	25	44	75	26

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances:

Atkinson, J.E.	36	Finney, A.	40
Cameron, K.	21	Church, H.H.	23
Cook, W.	30	Eastham, G.R.	17
Goslin, H.	32	Griffiths, J.	3
Howarth, H.	3	Hughes, J.H.	9
Jones, E.	1	Jones, R.	19
McKay, W.	19	Milsom, J.	38
Nicholson, G.	15	Rimmer, J. W.	16
Smith, R.	41	Taylor, G.	37
Taylor, G.T.	25	Westwood, R.W.	37



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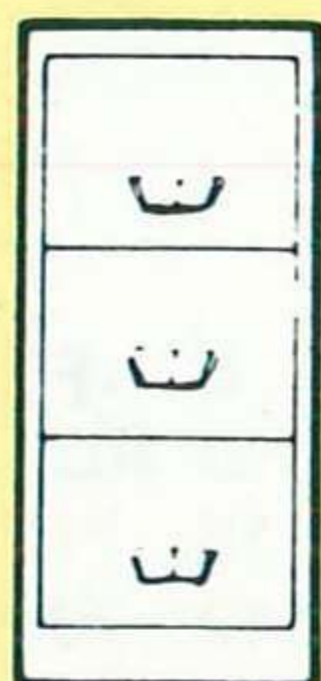
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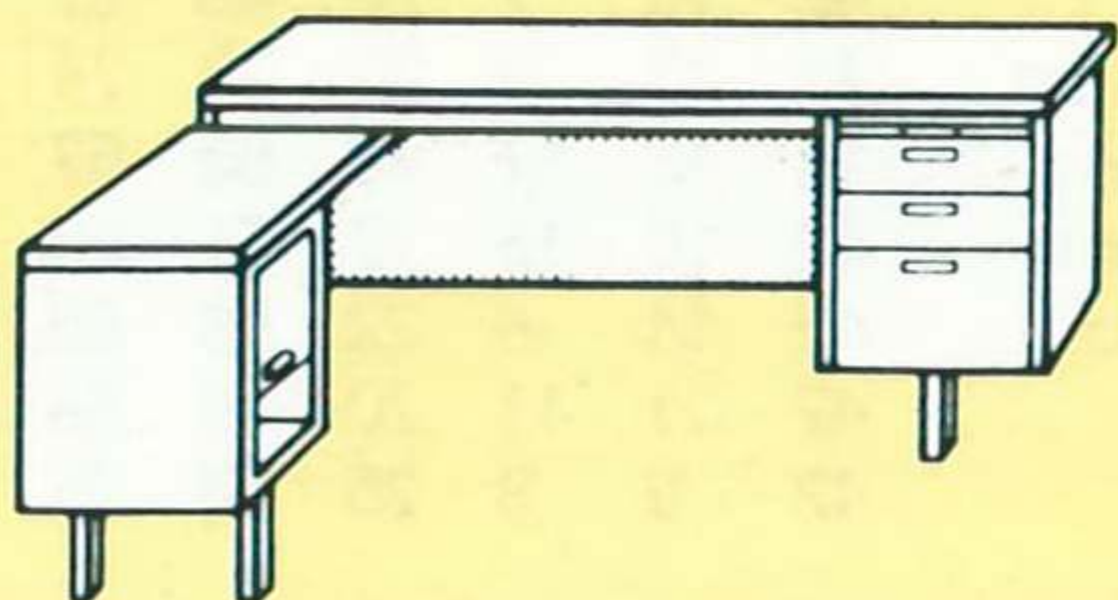
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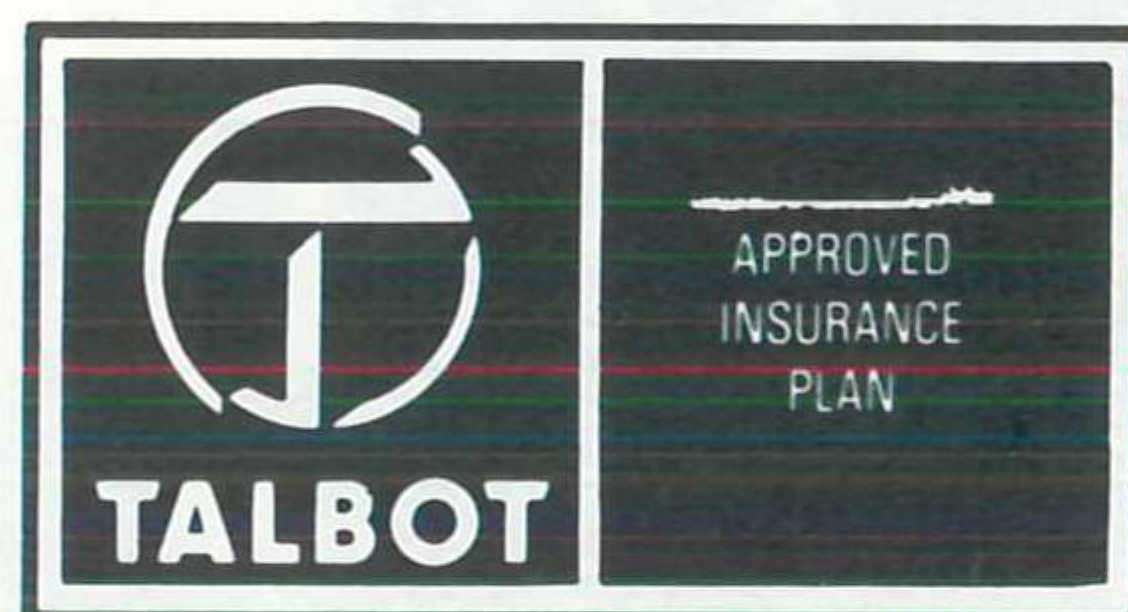
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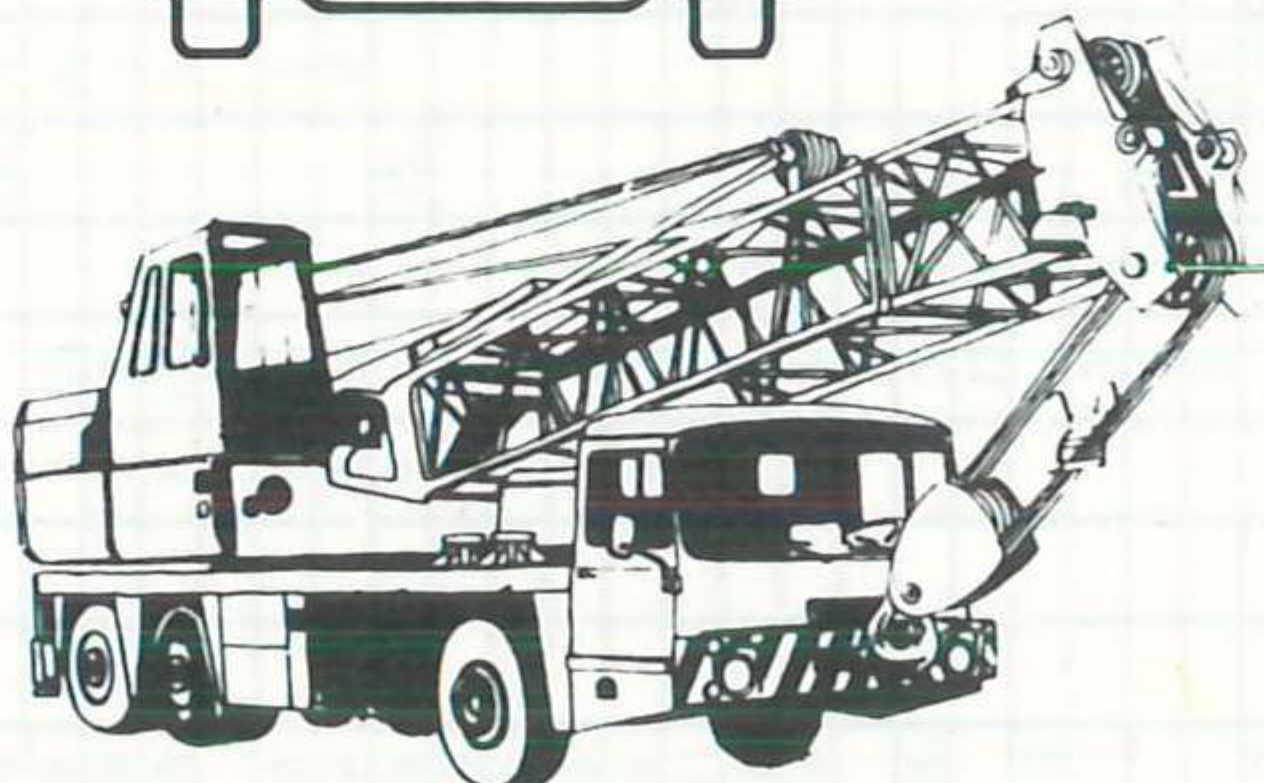
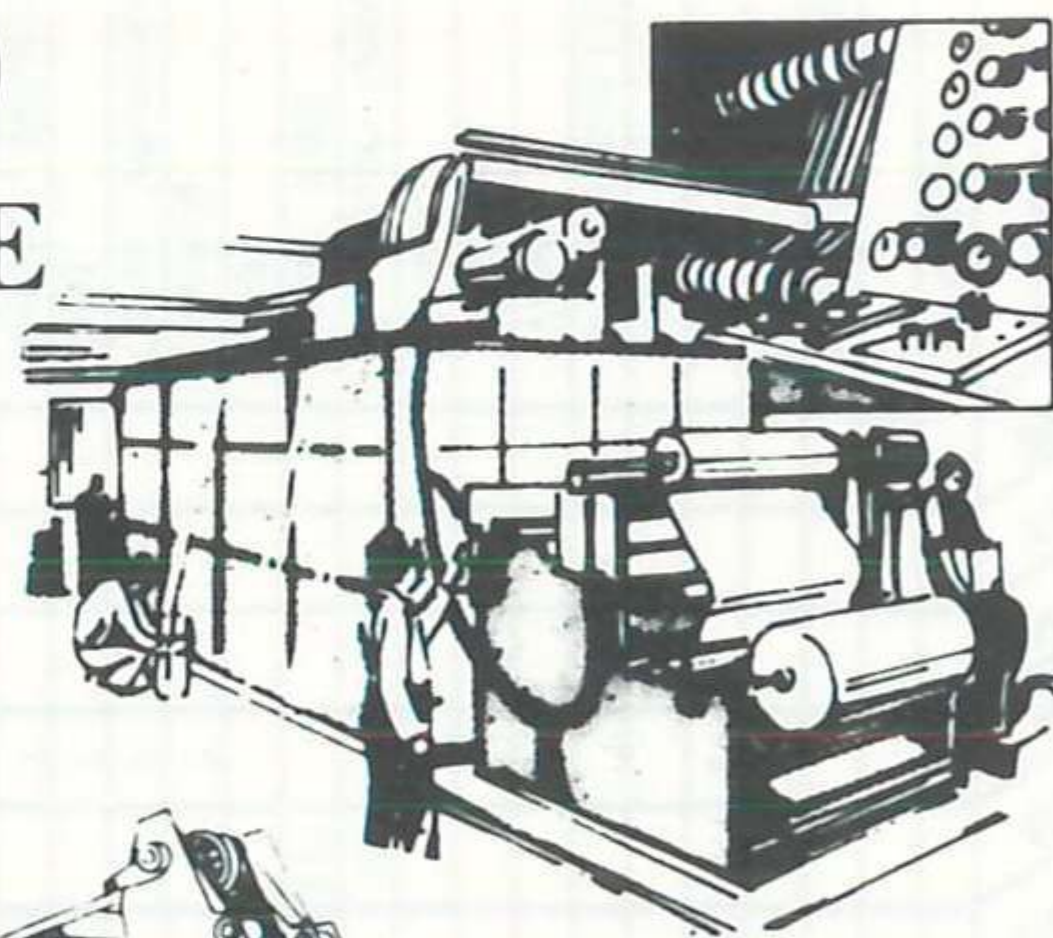
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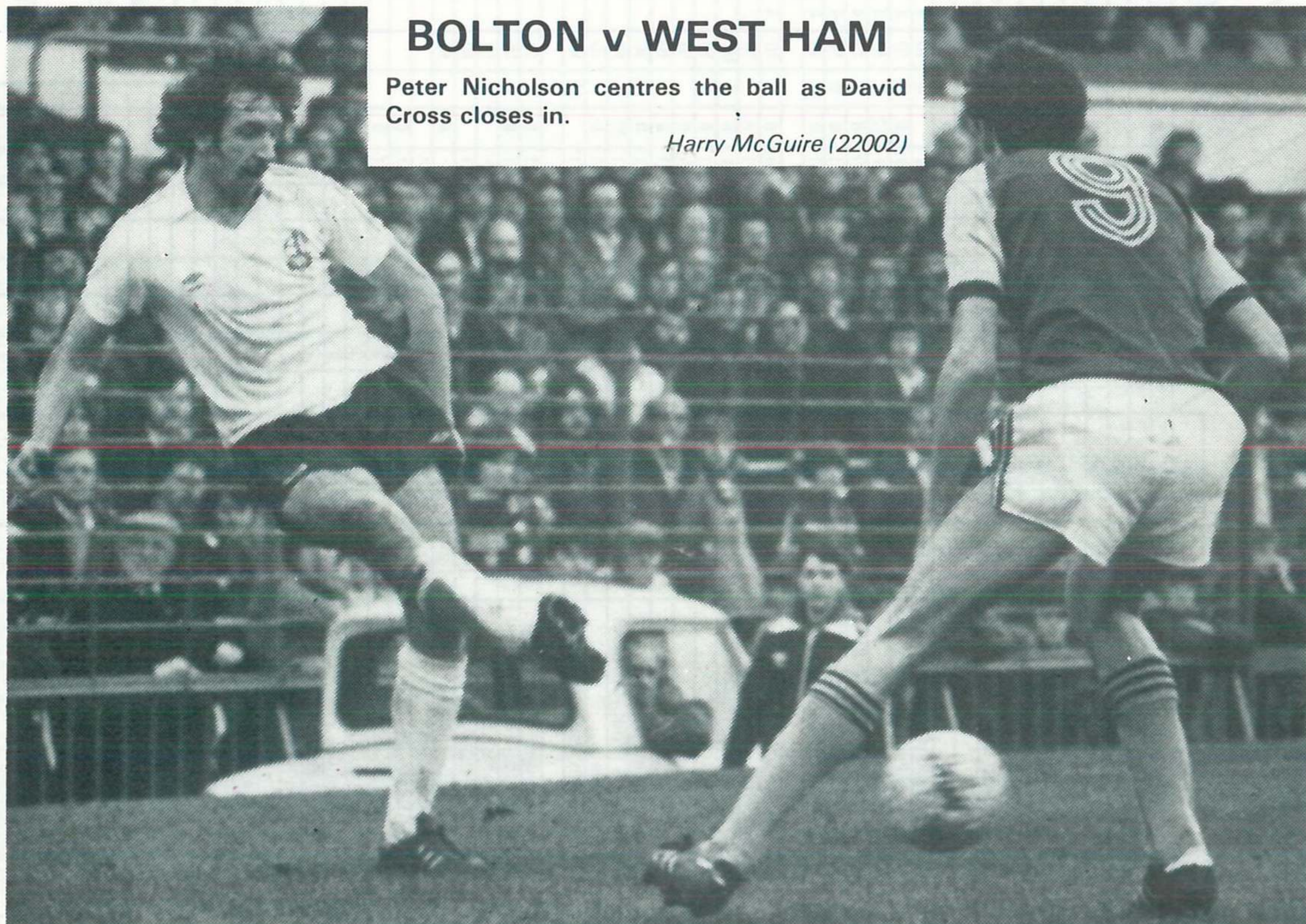
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BOLTON v WEST HAM

Peter Nicholson centres the ball as David Cross closes in.

Harry McGuire (22002)



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HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

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Sub used

	FA	Attn	Peacock	Graham	Burke	Wilson	Jones	Walsh	Gowling	Whatmore	Carter	Kidd	Cantello	Bennett	Hoggan	Nowak	Clement	McElhinney	Nicholson	Poole	Thompson	Nikolic	Reid	Moore	Thomas	Brennan	Scorers
Aug. 16	Notts County	7,459	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12														Whatmore
19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15,926	0-0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12													Kidd(3) Whatmore
23	NEWCASTLE	11,835	4-0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					12										
26	L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	9,913	0-3	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*												
30	Derby County	17,378	0-1	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2											
Sept. 2	L.C. Crystal Palace	15,536	1-2	3	5*		6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2											Kidd
6	BRISTOL ROVERS	8,712	2-0	3	12*	5*	6*	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2	5										Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
13	Cardiff	6,532	1-1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8		10	4		11	7	2											Walsh
20	SWANSEA	9,419	1-4	3	9		6	5	8		10	4		11	7	3											Whatmore
27	Oldham	10,174	1-1	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4		11													Cantello
Oct. 4	CHELSEA	11,888	2-3	3	7	5	6	9	8		10	4*		12													Thompson, Gowling
7	Shrewsbury Town	5,077	2-1	12	3	7	5	6	9	8		10	4														Carter, Kidd
11	Queens Park Rangers	8,641	1-3	3	7	5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12														Kidd
18	BRISTOL CITY	8,988	1-1	2	11	5	6	9	12	8	10	4															Gowling
21	PRESTON NORTH END	10,713	2-1	2	3	5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12													Carter, Whatmore
25	West Ham United	25,277	1-2	2	3	5	6	11	8	9	10	4															Kidd
Nov. 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	8,016	6-1	3	5	6	11	8	9*	10	4			12*													Kidd (3), Whatmore,
																											Hoggan, Cantello
8	Watford	11,296	1-3	3	5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9														Hoggan
11	Sheffield Wednesday	16,262	0-2	2	3	12	5	6	11	8		10															
22	GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	9,031	1-1	2	3	5	6	4	8	9	10*			11													Hoggan
25	NOTTS COUNTY	7,344	3-0	2	4	5	6	11	8		10			12	9												Wilson (2), Kidd
29	Luton Town	8,300	2-2	2	4	5	6	11	8		10			12	9												Whatmore (2)
Dec. 6	ORIENT	8,228	3-1	2	4	5	6	11	8		10			9													Whatmore, Kidd (2)
13	Bristol City (2)	7,384	1-3	2	4	5		11	8		10			9													Gowling (pen)
19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	6,315	1-2	2	3	4	5		11	8*				9													Gowling
26	Wrexham	7,635	1-0	2	4			11	8		10			6	9												Whatmore
27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	18,184	1-2	1	2	4		11		12	10			6*	9												Hoggan
1981																											
Jan. 3	Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	22,520	3-3	1	2	4	5*		11	8				9													Hoggan(2), Whatmore
6	NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	22,799	0-1	1	2	4			11	8				9													
10	Grimsby Town	9,320	0-4	1	2	4			5					11	9												
24	DERBY COUNTY	9,937	3-1	1	2	4	5		11					9													Gowling(2), Thomas
31	Newcastle United	19,108	1-2	1	2	4	5		8					11	9												Bennett
Feb. 7	CARDIFF CITY	8,115	4-1	1	2	4	5		11					10	9												Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic
14	Bristol Rovers (5)	5,368	1-2	2		12*	5		11	8				9													Gowling
24	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	9,641	2-0	1	2	4	12	5		11	8			4*	9												Whatmore, Thomas
28	Swansea City	9,468	0-3	2	4		5		11	8				9													
Mar. 7	Chelsea (6)	12,948	0-2	2	4		5		11	8				9													
14	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)	7,900	0-2	2	3				5	11	8			12*													
24	Preston North End	8,505	2-1			5	3	11	8		12	6		10													Reid, Gowling
28	WEST HAM UNITED	13,271	1-1			5	3	11	8		12	6		10													Whatmore
Apr. 4	Cambridge United	4,512	3-2			5	3	11	8		6			10													Reid, Nikolic, Whatmore
11	WATFORD (SF)	8,461	2-1			6	5	3	11	8		12		10													Thomas, Whatmore
17																											
18	Blackburn Rovers																										
20	WREXHAM																										
26	Orient 11.30 a.m.																										
May 2	LUTON TOWN																										
9	F.A. Cup Final																										

BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY 2nd MAY 1981

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 11th April 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Goals	Pts
West Ham United	37	17	1	1	49	12	7	8	3	23	17	57	
Notts County	37	9	7	2	23	13	6	9	4	19	22	46	
Blackburn Rovers	37	11	7	1	25	7	3	8	7	13	22	43	
Swansea City	37	11	3	4	33	16	4	9	6	20	23	42	
Luton Town	37	9	6	4	33	21	6	5	7	19	21	41	
Grimsby Town	37	10	7	2	21	9	4	6	8	19	25	41	
Sheffield Wednesday	36	13	4	1	33	10	3	4	11	13	31	40	
Derby County	38	8	8	3	31	24	5	6	8	21	26	40	
Chelsea	38	8	6	5	27	11	6	5	8	19	23	39	
Queens Park Rangers	38	10	6	3	31	12	4	5	10	17	28	39	
Cambridge United	37	12	1	6	30	20	4	5	9	16	31	38	
Newcastle United	37	10	5	3	18	11	3	7	9	8	27	38	
Orient	38	9	7	3	32	16	4	4	11	17	31	37	
Wrexham	37	4	8	6	18	20	7	5	7	20	19	35	
Bolton Wanderers	38	10	4	5	39	23	4	3	12	19	37	35	
Watford	37	11	5	3	30	17	1	5	12	13	26	34	
Oldham Athletic	38	6	9	4	17	14	4	5	10	18	31	34	
Shrewsbury Town	38	8	6	5	28	19	1	9	9	10	23	33	
Cardiff City	37	7	5	6	21	21	4	4	11	19	35	31	
Preston North End	37	7	6	5	25	22	2	6	11	11	35	30	
Bristol City	38	6	8	5	18	14	0	6	13	7	-32	26	
Bristol Rovers	38	4	9	6	20	21	1	4	14	12	37	23	

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210 miles

A1 (follow 'A1 City' signs) to A406, North Circular Road

212 miles

A406 (left) and via North Circular and A104 (Woodford Road) which you take to Whipp's Cross

221 miles

A104 via Bridge Road for 1 1/2 miles then turn left into Church Road (A1006) to Leyton 224 miles

TODAYS REFEREE

RICHARDSON, PETER J. (Lincoln). Started refereeing in the Lincolnshire League then graduated via Midland Counties and North Midlands Leagues to the Football League list. Was linesman for a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Italy in 1974, also the 1973/74 Texaco Cup Final.

A married man, he is a Works Director. He plays golf and is Secretary of his local golf club.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1981 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
CENTRAL LEAGUE	16	3	27	11	8	3	10	14	22	31
SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United	20	13	4	18	25	10	22	31	10	17
Coventry City	27	20	7	25	29	16	20	28	14	21
Manchester City	30	24	11	14	18	20	23	14	21	24
Bury	3	13	27	11	25	13	16	21	24	31
NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool	0	0	4	18	25	10	22	31	10	17
LEEDS UNITED	2	1	7	11	8	3	10	14	22	31
WEST BROM A.	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOKE CITY	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Preston N.E.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
HUDDERSFIELD T.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackpool	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
BURNLEY	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
MANCHESTER UNITED	11	15	11	15	11	15	11	15	11	15
Sheffield W.	15	22	15	22	15	22	15	22	15	22
Aston Villa	24	29	24	29	24	29	24	29	24	29
Derby County	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
WOLVERHAMPTON W.	9	13	9	13	9	13	9	13	9	13
Sheffield United	16	20	16	20	16	20	16	20	16	20
NEWCASTLE UNITED	23	27	23	27	23	27	23	27	23	27
BLACKPOOL	3	10	3	10	3	10	3	10	3	10
Derby County	10	14	10	14	10	14	10	14	10	14
Leeds United	22	31	22	31	22	31	22	31	22	31
DERBY COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EVERTON	3	10	3	10	3	10	3	10	3	10
ASTON VILLA	14	22	14	22	14	22	14	22	14	22
Blackburn Rovers	22	31	22	31	22	31	22	31	22	31
Stoke City	31	10	31	10	31	10	31	10	31	10
MANCHESTER CITY	17	28	17	28	17	28	17	28	17	28
COVENTRY CITY	14	21	14	21	14	21	14	21	14	21
BURY	21	24	21	24	21	24	21	24	21	24
West Bromwich A.	31	4	31	4	31	4	31	4	31	4
PRESTON N.E.	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11
Huddersfield Town	17	21	17	21	17	21	17	21	17	21
Liverpool	25	29	25	29	25	29	25	29	25	29
SHEFFIELD UNITED	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nottingham Forest	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Burnley	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
BLACKBURN ROVERS	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Newcastle United	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wolverhampton W.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

FACTS & FIGURES

TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Mike Walsh
- 4 Peter Reid
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Len Cantello
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 John Thomas
- 10 Dave Hoggan
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



- 1 Dai Davies
- 2 Joey Jones
- 3 Alan Dwyer
- 4 Gareth Davis
- 5 Wayne Cegielski
- 6 Frank Carrodus
- 7 Steve Fox
- 8 Ian Arkwright
- 9 Mick Vinter
- 10 Dixie McNeil
- 11 Alan Hill
- 12 Steve Buxton

Wrexham

Referee:

P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)

Linesmen:

J. McAulay (Leeds) (Red Flag)

P. H. Waters (Blackpool) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL CRYSTAL PALACE		
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION LEICESTER CITY		
C	MANCHESTER CITY EVERTON		
D	NORWICH CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
E	NOTTINGHAM FOREST WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		
F	STOKE CITY ASTON VILLA		
G	WEST BROMWICH ALBION SUNDERLAND		
H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED NOTTS COUNTY		
I	CARDIFF CITY BRISTOL CITY		
J	NEWCASTLE UNITED GRIMSBY TOWN		
K	OLDHAM ATHLETIC DERBY COUNTY		
L			
M	BARNLEY CHESTERFIELD		
N	COLCHESTER UNITED BRENTFORD		
O	MILLWALL GILLINGHAM		
P	READING PORTSMOUTH		
Q	ROTHERHAM UNITED HULL CITY		
R	SWINDON TOWN NEWPORT COUNTY		
S	HALIFAX TOWN ROCHDALE		
T	HEREFORD UNITED ALDERSHOT		
U	LINCOLN CITY PORT VALE		
V	SCUNTHORPE UNITED MANSFIELD TOWN		
W	STOCKPORT COUNTY TRANMERE ROVERS		
X	WIMBLEDON TORQUAY UNITED		



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